

Application No.: 10/606,100

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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

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**CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) A method of administering lottery wagering on a phased competition, comprising:
  - determining final participants from the conclusion of a pre-qualifying event of a phased competition;
  - accepting a wager from a wagerer, the wager corresponding to wagering data  $D_W$  including one or more picked numbers;
  - assigning random numbers to the final participants;
  - assembling concluding data  $D_C$  for final participants after conclusion of a final event of a phased competition;
  - determining at least one winner from the final participants of the final event based on the concluding data  $D_C$ ;
  - correlating the concluding data  $D_C$  of a winner to the random number assigned to the winner;
  - determining winning lottery data  $D_L$  based on the correlating step such that there is an equal probability of any of the random numbers being included in  $D_L$ ; and
  - awarding a prize to a wagerer whose wagering data corresponds to the winning lottery data, the random numbers being assigned to the final participants after accepting the wager so that the wagerer does not know which participant corresponds to the one or more picked

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numbers when they are picked so that the winning lottery data is determined by the outcome of the competition but the probability of a player winning is random.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of assembling concluding data

$D_C$  for final participants comprises assembling concluding ranking data of final participants of a final event.

5. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the step of assembling comprises at least one function selected from the group consisting of collecting, collating, correlating, and mathematically manipulating.

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of determining at least one winner of the final event comprises determining  $n$  winners of the final event.

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of comparing wagering data  $D_W$  to winning lottery data  $D_L$ .

14. (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of entering the wagering data  $D_W$  into a second lottery phase based upon the outcome of the comparing step.

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16. (previously presented) The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of randomly selecting the wagering data  $D_W$  of the second lottery phase.

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of trading wagering date  $D_W$  prior to conclusion of the final event.

20. (cancelled)

21. (cancelled)

22. (cancelled)

23. (cancelled)

24. (cancelled)

25. (cancelled)

26. (cancelled)

27. (cancelled)

28. (currently amended) A method of operating a lottery wagering system in which the winning lottery numbers are determined by the outcome of a competition involving multiple participants, comprising:

accepting multiple wagers from a wagerer a wager wagers, the each wager including a group of picked numbers, the picked numbers being a subset of a set of available lottery numbers;

randomly associating with the multiple participants in a the competition the numbers in the set of available lottery numbers after accepting the wagerwagers from the wagers, so that the wagers do not know which participants are associated with the picked numbers when they are picked;

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after the competition is conducted, assigning as winning lottery numbers the random numbers from the set of lottery numbers associated with the winners of the competition;

awarding a prize to a wagerer whose picked numbers correspond to the winning lottery numbers, the winning lottery numbers being determined by the outcome of the competition, and the wagerer not knowing at the time his numbers are picked which numbers will be associated with which participants so that the probability of a player winning the lottery is random.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 28 in which the competition is a sporting event.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 28 in which the competition is an entertainment award competition.

31. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 in which:  
~~randomly assigning to associating with the multiple participants in a the competition the~~  
numbers in the set of lottery numbers includes randomly assigning the numbers in the set of lottery numbers a car number corresponding to a car in a race; and  
assigning as winning lottery numbers the random numbers assigned from the set of lottery numbers to the winners of the competition includes assigning as winning lottery numbers the random numbers assigned to the winners of the race.

32. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 in which:  
~~randomly assigning to associating with the multiple participants in a the competition the~~  
numbers in the set of lottery numbers includes randomly assigning the numbers in the set of lottery numbers ~~an individual to individuals~~ in a tournament; and  
assigning as winning lottery numbers the random numbers assigned from the set of lottery numbers to the winners of the sporting event includes assigning as winning lottery numbers the random numbers assigned to the winners of the tournament.

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33. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 in which accepting multiple wagers from ~~a wagerer a wager~~ wagers includes on the lottery accepting a wager including a group of picked numbers selected by a computer program or a group of picked numbers selected by a wagerer.

34. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 in which accepting ~~from a wagerer a~~ wager multiple wagers from wagerers includes accepting the ~~wager~~ at least some wagers over a communication link.

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 34 in which the communication link is selected from the group consisting of tickets, landline telephone, radio frequency, computer network, Internet, and World Wide Web.

36. (previously presented) Computer readable media including computer instructions for carrying out the steps of claim 28.

37. (previously presented) A lottery system, comprising:

a computer processing unit;

a computer memory storing computer instructions for carrying out the steps of claim 28.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 13 in which entering wagering data  $D_W$  into a second lottery phase based upon the outcome of the comparing step includes entering wagering data into a second lottery phase having the lottery results determined by the concluding data  $D_C$ .

39. (new) The method of claim 28 in which randomly associating with the multiple participants in the competition the numbers in the set of available lottery numbers includes randomly associating with multiple participants that have performed sufficiently well in a prequalifying even to obtain a place in a final event.